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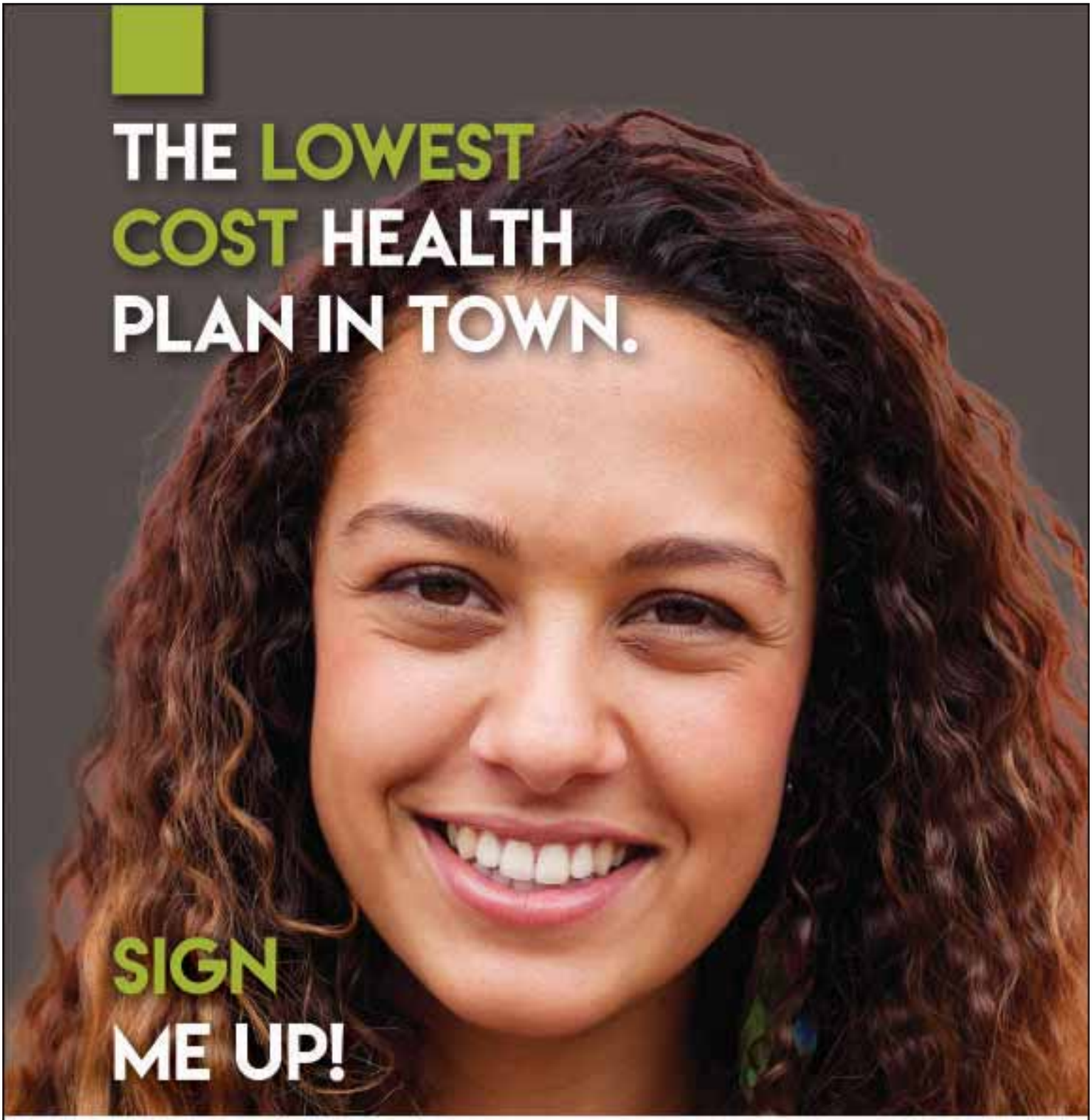

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According to the so-called Doomsday Clock, which last week ticked forward 30 seconds, the world is now a mere two minutes away from the apocalypse. But how likely is a real doomsday scenario? We caught up with an expert who says we shouldn't be so quick to dismiss fears of a nuclear attack. Read inside for his insights and for tips on how to survive in an "end of days" situation, and visit **metro.us** to keep up with all our stories.

PELOSI CRITICIZED OVER IMMIGRATION COMMENT

Sen. Joe Manchin, a moderate Democrat, said on Sunday he thought a new White House immigration plan was a good starting point, and he criticized House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi for dismissing it as a way to "make America white again." "We don't need that type of rhetoric on either side, from Nancy, [Republican House Speaker] Paul Ryan or anybody else," said Manchin, a West Virginian and a leader of a bipartisan Senate group working on immigration. Manchin's comments highlighted differences among Democrats ahead of a Feb. 8 deadline for the U.S. Congress to pass another spending bill and try to reach an immigration agreement that would protect up to 1.8 million illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children.

SENATORS URGE CONGRESS TO PROTECT MUELLER

2 Congress should revisit proposed legislation designed to protect special counsel Robert Mueller after President Donald Trump tried to fire him last year while he investigated the Trump campaign's ties with Russia, two Republican senators said on Sunday. In separate television interviews, Sens. Susan Collins and Lindsey Graham expressed dismay at recent reports indicating that the Republican president had told the top White House lawyer to order Justice Department officials to fire Mueller. "I've got legislation protecting Mr. Mueller, and I'd be glad to pass it tomorrow," Graham told the ABC News "This Week" program. On CNN's "State of the Union," Sen. Collins said: "It certainly wouldn't hurt to put that extra safeguard in place, given the latest stories."

VENICE CARNIVAL 2018

3 Rowers wearing costumes sail along Grand Canal during the Carnival Regatta for the opening of the 2018 Venice Carnival on Sunday in Venice, Italy. The theme for the 2018 edition of Venice Carnival is "Playing," and it will run until Feb. 13.

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ATM MAKERS WARN OF 'JACKPOTTING' HACK

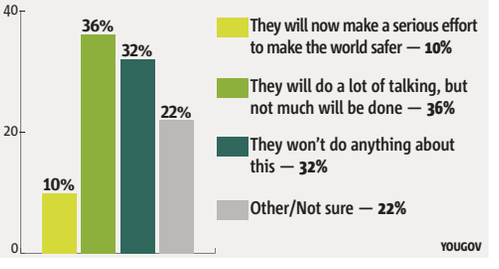
4 Diebold Nixdorf Inc. and NCR Corp., two of the world's largest ATM makers, have warned that cybercriminals are targeting U.S. cash machines with tools that force them to spit out cash in hacking schemes known as "jackpotting." The two ATM makers did not identify any victims or say how much money had been lost. Jackpotting has been rising worldwide in recent years, though it is unclear how much cash has been stolen because victims and police often do not disclose details. The companies confirmed to Reuters that they had sent out the alerts. NCR said that the cases were the first confirmed "jackpotting" losses in the United States. It said its equipment had not been targeted in the recent attacks, but that it was still a concern for the entire ATM industry.

CONGRESSMAN: TRADE REP HAS HOPE FOR NAFTA

5 Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer is hopeful about talks to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement but realizes a great deal of work remains, Republican Congressman Dave Reichert said on Sunday after a briefing. Officials from the U.S., Canada and Mexico will wrap up the sixth of seven planned rounds of talks on NAFTA in Montreal on Monday, with little sign of agreement on U.S. proposals to overhaul the $1.2 trillion pact. The U.S. is open to the idea of extending the NAFTA talks, Reichert indicated. The negotiations are supposed to wrap up by the end of March. President Donald Trump, who blames the 1994 treaty for job losses and a big trade deficit with Mexico, has repeatedly threatened to withdraw unless major changes are made.

DOOMSDAY CLOCK

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientist has moved the Doomsday Clock toward midnight, marking an increase in danger from looming global threats like nuclear war and climate change. What effect do you think this will have on political figures around the world?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Should you actually be worried about a nuclear attack on the US?

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An expert from the National Center for Disaster Preparedness sheds light on the threat of nuclear war.

The false missile alarm that recently panicked Hawaii was not the first thing to spark a growing concern of nuclear attack among Americans.

People across the political aisle have been increasingly worried about the possibility, as shown both by spikes in Google searches for terms like "how to survive a nuclear attack" and opinion polls.

Last Thursday, a panel of scientists and scholars moved the second hand on the so-called Doomsday Clock forward closer to midnight, symbolically inching us toward an apocalypse.

But are those worries warranted, and are we actually at risk of facing a nuclear attack?

"We are," said Dr. Irwin Redlener, director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness. "The main thing about it though, is it's entirely different from the scenario during the Cold War."

The National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University is an "academic think tank with a practical agenda," Redlener explained, aiming to improve how we all handle natural disasters, from hurricanes to public health emergencies to, yes, a nuclear attack.

A nuclear missile hitting the U.S. isn't exactly out of the realm of possibility, but such an attack would not be anywhere as devastating as potential attacks during the Cold War. That's because those countries that made up the "nuclear club" then were in possession of more, and larger, nuclear weapons.

"There were 10, 15 megaton warheads pointed at New York City alone," during the Cold War, Redlener said. "That was game-changing for the human race. There would have been no cure. We wouldn't have needed to plan on what we'd do to recover."

Now, in our tense relations with North Korea, he continued, we're dealing with a single warhead in the kiloton range of power (a kiloton is 1,000 tons of blast energy, while a megaton is 1 million).

"Those types of destinations — yes they're nuclear, and many people hear the word 'nuclear' and their rethinking Cold War nuclear — but we could have a nuclear detonation in Hawaii, New York, Florida that would kill a lot of people, but nothing remotely resembling what would have happened in the Cold War," Redlener said.

If the current threat were to become a reality, say a nuclear missile hitting New York City, about 75,000 people would be killed in the initial blast. That is certainly "horrific beyond words," Redlener said, "but it's not like the New York metro area would be completely flattened, like in the old days."

That doesn't mean you should panic, but it also doesn't mean you should ignore the threat. That attitude is a bad one to have, Redlener said, because a nuclear attack doesn't exactly mean total destruction. You could very well survive one, if you make a plan.

A nuclear "fallout shelter" sign and American flag next to the Manhattan Municipal Building in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

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How to survive a nuclear attack

Google searches for terms like "how to survive a nuclear attack" have spiked during Donald Trump's presidency, specifically concerning his comments on North Korea.

Experts warned that North Korea was now more likely to launch a missile at the U.S., which begs the question: What can we do in the face of a nuclear missile?

First, seek shelter.
"If an attack warning is issued, take cover as quickly as you can, below ground if possible, and stay there until instructed to do otherwise," reads Ready.gov, a FEMA and Department of Homeland Security website created to help people prepare for all sorts of disasters, including a nuclear blast.

Distance yourself from the explosion.
"The more distance between you and the fallout particles, the better," experts warned.

Wait it out.
"Fallout radiation loses its intensity fairly rapidly," according to Ready.gov. "Radioactive fallout poses the greatest threat to people during the first two weeks, by which time it has declined to about 1 percent of its initial radiation level."

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There are safety tips to follow in the event of a nuclear blast.
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DOOMSDAY CLOCK

Since 1953, the Doomsday Clock has never been closer to midnight

According to the Doomsday Clock, the world is now just two minutes from apocalypse.

On Thursday, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists made an adjustment to the Doomsday Clock by pushing the second hand forward 30 seconds, marking the increasing likelihood of a global catastrophe. The clock is now set at just two minutes to midnight, making it the closest it has ever been since 1953 when the United States and the Soviet Union first tested thermonuclear weapons the year before.

According to President and CEO of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists Rachel Bronson, the adjustment to the Clock has a lot to do with the use of "reckless language" and tension concerning threats of nuclear warfare from the U.S., North Korea and Russia in 2017. LENYON WHITAKER

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ANOTHER 30-YEAR WAIT FOR COMPLETION OF THE CROSS-HARBOR FREIGHT TUNNEL?

There is only $70 million for advancing an environmental study along with preliminary design and engineering for the Cross-Harbor Freight Tunnel within the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey 2017-2026 Capital Plan. This leaves a $9.930 billion shortfall to complete this project.

Manhattan-Brooklyn Congress member Jerald Nadler claims that there is real progress for his favorite Cross-Harbor Freight Tunnel project. This doesn't add up if you look at past history. This project has been championed by Congress member Nadler as his No. 1 transportation priority for almost 30 years. After all that time, it has yet to progress beyond the federal National Environmental Protect Act review process. In theory, it might move thousands of trucks on a daily basis off the roads and on to railroad tracks for significant portions of the journey between New Jersey and Long Island.

LARRY PENNER

Analysis

Larry Penner is a transportation historian and advocate who previously worked 31 years for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Construction of any new freight, public transportation tunnel or bridge project can take years, if not decades, by the time all feasibility studies, environmental reviews, planning, design, engineering, real estate acquisition, permits, procurements, construction, budgeting, identifying and securing funding is completed. This is before the project reaches beneficial use. Construction for the Second Avenue subway began in the 1960s. (Bond money intended for this project in the 1950's was spent elsewhere.) The first segment of three stations between 63rd and 96th Streets on the Upper East Side of Manhattan was finally opened to the public on Jan. 1, 2017 at a cost of $4.5 billion.

Construction for the original tunnel to support bringing the Long Island Rail Road from Queens into Grand Central Terminal began in the 1960s. The latest completion date is now December 2023 with a current cost of $10.8 billion which could end up at $12 billion. No one can identify all the sources for the estimated $29 billion to build a new tunnel for New Jersey Transit and Amtrak known as the "Gateway project" to gain additional access to Penn Station from New Jersey. Ditto for paying back the $1.6 billion federal and New York State Thruway Authority loans which covered a majority of the estimated $4 billion for replacing the Tappan Zee Bridge in Westchester.

Any guess who will find $10 billion or more needed for construction of a new Cross-Harbor Freight Tunnel? Neither the Port Authority, Congress member Nadler or Gov. Cuomo have yet to identify and secure the billions needed to fund final design and engineering followed by construction. The Port Authority also needs to find $7 billion toward the $10 billion total cost for a new Port Authority Bus Terminal in midtown Manhattan along with billions more for other transportation investments.

There is also a potential serious conflict with the proposed $2 billion Triboro X (a new subway connecting the Bronx with Queens and Brooklyn). This route would run parallel from the Cross-Harbor Freight Tunnel Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, terminus on to Queens. This would result in serious operational conflicts between freight and subway trains. The proposed Cross-Harbor Freight Tunnel may be just another in the continuing series of feasibility studies and environmental reviews sponsored by various governmental agencies and public officials over decades. They generate some money for consultants along with free publicity for elected officials who promise a bright future but all too often move on to another public office before delivering. Taxpayers are frequently left holding an empty bag with unfilled promises.

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The best neighborhoods in NYC to grow your family

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If it's time for that second (or third) bedroom, you may want to read this and — spoiler alert! — consider moving to Brooklyn.

Growing your family is a life-changer that often comes with as many financial challenges as it does happy moments, especially here in New York City when it's time to look for that inevitable bigger apartment.

With 68 percent of city parents more likely to rent than own, StreetEasy just released a study that looks at the neighborhoods and boroughs that provide the easiest — read: most wallet-friendly — transition for parents ready for those extra bedrooms.

According to the report, Brooklyn is the best borough for expanding your family as renters are currently seeing the smallest price jumps on homes with an additional bedroom. The median asking rent for a two-bedroom is 14 percent more than that of a studio or one-bedroom, as opposed to a 32 percent jump in Manhattan.

And though Brooklyn has a lower inventory of two-bedrooms versus studios and one-bedrooms, that drop in availability is the smallest of all the boroughs. Comparatively, Manhattan's two-bedroom availability is 56 percent smaller than its inventory of studios and one-bedrooms.

StreetEasy's study found that Bushwick has an abundant inventory of two-bedrooms, while East New York, Red Hook, Sunset Park and Bedford-Stuyvesant also have "relatively affordable" two bedrooms.

According to StreetEasy, Brooklyn is the best borough to expand your family as renters are seeing the smallest jump on homes with an additional bedroom. ISTOCK

Queens is second when it comes to upgrading to a two-bedroom from a studio or one-bedroom, according to StreetEasy. Ridgewood, where an estimated one out of three households has kids, has double the amount of two-bedrooms compared to the studio and one-bedroom inventory.

If a three-bedroom home is what you need, options drop considerably, with just six city neighborhoods offering more three-bedrooms than two-bedrooms: East New York, Canarsie, Bayside, Ridgewood, North New York (Bronx) and West Harlem.

The MTA-operated Henry Hudson Bridge, which connects the Bronx to Manhattan, switched from traditional tollbooths to cashless tolling in late 2012. The MTA's other eight bridges converted throughout 2017. ISTOCK

MTA: Cashless tolling reduced travel times, fuel consumption, collisions

According to new data from the MTA, both motorists and the environment are benefitting from the transition to cashless tolling at agency-run bridges and tunnels.

Statistics gathered from a full year at toll plazas that switched from traditional tollbooths to Open Road Cashless Tolling show fewer collisions, a reduction in travel times and less congestion, as well as lower carbon emissions due to the elimination of idling vehicles, the MTA announced Friday.

"The initial results are very encouraging," MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota said.

What is cashless tolling?

Open Road or cashless tolling allows drivers to maintain speed limits because dedicated tollbooths and toll lanes are removed. Motorists are charged by driving under a gantry that features sensors and cameras to scan E-ZPass devices or photograph license plates to issue a bill from Tolls By Mail. NIKKI M. MASCALI

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The lawsuit argues that the federal government took away funding owed to New York that helps provide more than 700,000 people here with healthcare.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced on Friday a $1 billion lawsuit against the Trump Administration in an attempt to protect hundreds of thousands of New Yorker's health insurance.

The lawsuit is challenging the Trump administration's "abrupt and unlawful cutoff," according to Schneiderman's office, of more than $1 billion in federal funding for New York's Essential Plan, which provides health care to more than 700,000 low-income residents.

The Essential Plan is the state's "Basic Health Program," according to Schneiderman, meaning a state-run health insurance program created under the Affordable Care Act, primarily funded by the federal government.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services withheld "legally-required funding" owed to New York, as well as Minnesota, in order for the states to operate their Basic Health Programs, the lawsuit argues.

Schneiderman and Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson filed the lawsuit together in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

"The Essential Plan is a lifeline for over 700,000 low-income New Yorkers. The abrupt decision to cut these vital funds is a cruel and reckless assault on New York's families – and we will not allow it," Schneiderman said in a statement. "I won't stand by as the federal government continues to renege on its most basic obligations in a transparent attempt to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. We're suing to defend these vital funds and the quality, affordable health care they ensure for New Yorkers."

Under the Essential Plan, some low-income New Yorkers do not pay any premiums. Others pay, at most, $20 per month, officials say.

"The Trump administration's action jeopardizes quality care for hundreds of thousands of vulnerable New Yorkers and goes against everything we stand for in New York," Cuomo said in a statement. "In New York, we believe health care is a right, not a luxury, and we will fight to protect that right for all New Yorkers. We are joining together to stop this injustice and preserve New York's Essential Plan for everyone that needs it."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman GETTY IMAGES

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Donald Trump's State of the Union address will take place on Tuesday.
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Analysis

Tuesday night, with everyone watching, Donald Trump gets to inform the American people — again! — just how brilliantly he is performing as president.

And two-thirds of the country won't believe him, the two-thirds with any heart left and even a couple of brain cells. Why should they? They don't believe anything this president says.

There are many things to remember about the annual State of the Union address. It's traditional. It's long. It's interrupted by frequent bursts of robotic, partisan applause. And here's the thing to really keep in mind about this time-honored ritual of the American presidency: It's an open-book test and a self-graded one. Come Tuesday night, expect A-pluses all around.

That's grading on the Trump curve.

In all his 71 years on planet Earth, Donald Trump has never rewarded himself with anything short of flying A-pluses. There is exactly zero chance of that changing now.

Never mind that Trump has spent the past year insulting our friends, enflaming our enemies and careening us closer to nuclear war. Never mind that he has passed just one piece of major legislation, which directs 85 percent of its benefits to the top 1 percent. Never mind that Trump seems to quickly loathe many of the people he has appointed to top administration positions. Never mind that most Americans are decidedly *not* tired of winning yet.

Why should the bragging stop now?

His aides are promising Teleprompter Trump on Tuesday night, the one who stands behind a podium and says normal-sounding words. That Congress should pass a $1 trillion plan to rebuild America's crumbling roads, bridges, airports and mass-transit systems. That it's finally time for comprehensive immigration reform. That the DACA kids shouldn't be sent to a country they hardly know. That sort of thing. Then, he'll finish reading the speech. The senators and congress members will go home. And real, unhinged Donald will spring from his golden cage again, choking the scripted sanity in another poison cloud of third-grade insults and predawn tweets.

For good measure, he just might praise Vladimir Putin, fire Robert Mueller or both.

You know what all that means, right?

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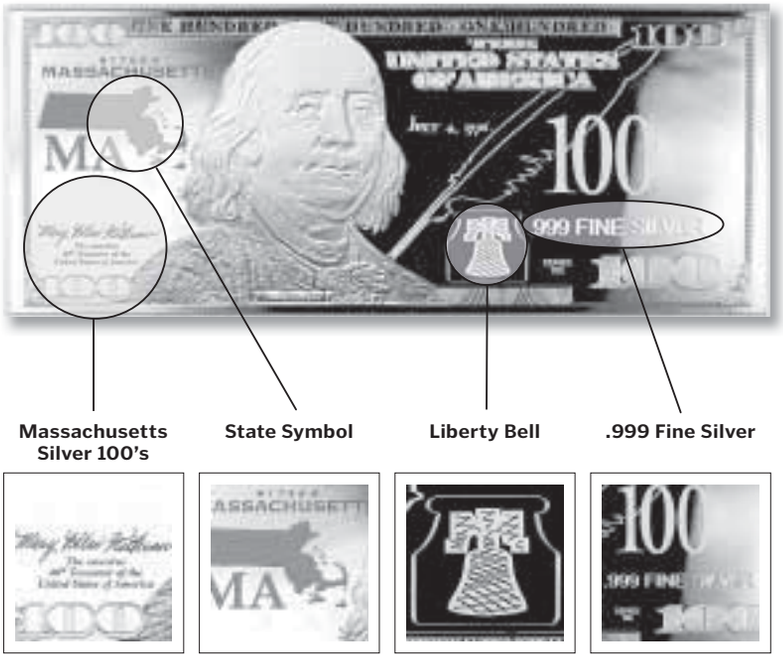

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And here's the best part. Massachusetts residents lucky enough to be among the first callers to claim the entire 50 State Silver 100's Collection™, pictured bottom left, are also getting 20 State Silver 100's absolutely free.

"I'm advising everyone

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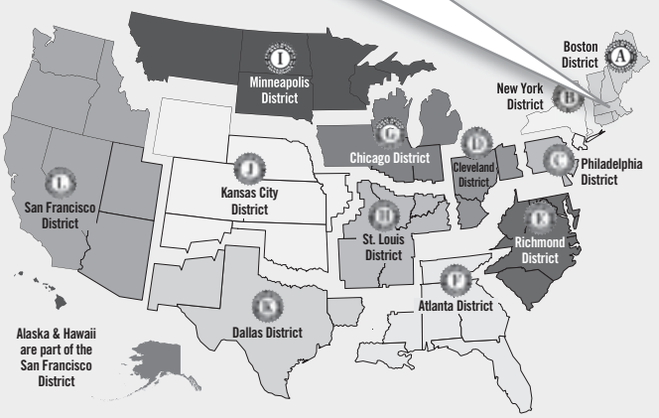

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Melania Trump's FLOTUS fashion: The *hits* and *misses*

First lady Melania Trump has certainly had her fair share of fashion dos, as she often tends toward simple pieces in bold colors. But she's had a whole bunch of fashion don'ts, too. We're taking a look at some of Melania's best and worst fashion looks from the last year, from the "meh," to the "girl, I guess." **METRO**

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Not the most flattering outfit, but kudos for trying to pull off business culottes.

Melania tries to prove she can relax by giving you sexy lumberjack chic.

This print reminds us of paisley, except worse. It's very severe-school- marm-tries-to-give-herself-a-fun-and-flirty-makeover.

This is fine and forgettable, as usual. And also a gentle reminder that Melania loves nothing more than a wide, unflattering belt.

Pro: The deep purple is a lovely color.

Con: She low-key looks like a very chic sumo wrestler.

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The frustrating reality of diversity

Chatting with "Jane the Virgin" star Jaime Camil about comedy, diversity and Latino representation.

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Rogelio — pictured with his baby girl, Baby — will face new challenges this year, and have a couple of breakthroughs. Or as Rogelio likes to call it, "Rogelizations". CW

If you watch "Jane the Virgin," you know Rogelio de la Vega – brought to life sumptuously by Jaime Camil — is a fan favorite for a reason. As Jane's father, Camil plays Rogelio as so many things at once: very prideful, very self-obsessed — and very funny.

But the 44-year-old got into comedy by accident when he tried to bring a bit of lightness to the role of Fernando Mendiola on the Mexican telenovela, "La Fea Más Bella," a series that would later come stateside as "Ugly Betty."

"The Colombian original version was super serious," he tells me over the phone. "But the girl has a mustache, for the love of God!" Oh yes, by the way: Camil is prone to sporadic, energetic diatribes (and plenty of delightfully placed F-bombs). "I just started to play it in a comedic way. After two weeks, the showrunner called me to her office and was like, 'Either you change, or we're going to kill off your character.' [Because] when the lead is making fun of himself and allowing himself to be wrong and stupid, [the audience] isn't used to that."

Afterward, he persuaded the studio to give him two more weeks to change the audience's minds. And, of course, it worked. "Praise the Lord!" he says emphatically.

Camil brings this easy sense of humor to his role of Rogelio — and in the second half of the season, Rogelio needs it, as he's confronted with more changes than ever — including a sprawling, extended nontraditional family, complete with a baby girl named Baby. "One thing that is consistent and one thing that he knows for sure is that he's a family man," Camil says. "He loves his family above all."

Even when he's at his most fatuous. "When Rogelio says something ridiculous like, 'I want my daughter to have the pleasure of knowing me,' you would slap someone who said that in real life! But for some reason when Rogelio says that you're like, 'Aw, yes. His daughter should have the pleasure of knowing him.' He genuinely believes that."

It certainly doesn't hurt to have said daughter played by the indomitable Gina Rodriguez, who as the title character (she's no longer a virgin, in case you were wondering) meets the

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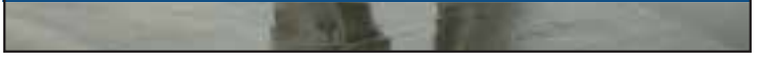

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high and low swings of the series with eager, raw emotion. And she does it off the screen too.

Last week, Rodriguez wrote an essay in Variety, calling for more Latino representation in film, and writing that the underrepresentation of Latinos in Hollywood on and off screen "is not just a feeling; it's a sad reality." And Camil is right there with her.

"There is no true diversity in Hollywood," he says. "That's just the reality." He too was shocked at the lack of Latinos nominated this award season, especially at this year's SAG Awards. "Really? Not one Latino nominated? You're telling me that Rita Moreno and Justina Machado and our own Gina Rodriguez don't deserve a nomination?"

He points to some series — which will remain unnamed — that are nominated year after year, but that aren't doing much of anything special. Certainly, they're no "Jane the Virgin," a show that is constantly, miraculously reinventing itself. "You're still nominating the same shows for the same categories and the same actors because they've been doing the same s—t for the past 10 years? It's very frustrating."

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Still, despite his disappointment, Camil sees a handful of series where Hollywood is finally confronting its diversity problem. "'Jane the Virgin,' 'One Day at a Time,' 'This Is Us.' These shows are opening [the conversations about] diversity, they're talking about it, they're making a difference," he says.

"But, woof. We still have a long, long, long way to go."

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Is there a gender bias against women in certain college majors?

Hey, men... Listen up. ISTOCK

A new study shows that most women believe that they are not welcome in certain fields of study.

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It's pretty easy to see in certain technical industries that the representation of genders is skewed. This tipping of the scale begins in college and could be a result of years of preconceived gender biases against women who might otherwise be interested in majoring in STEM fields.

According to a study by NYU published in the "American Educational Research Journal," women tend to choose their majors not based on whether or not they involve math or science, but based on the amount of discrimination they feel they will receive from men involved in any given industry.

"Our study examines the common attributes that cut across academic disciplines, and are predictive of who chooses those majors," explains Joseph R. Cimpian, associate professor of economics and education policy at the NYU Steinhardt School and the study's senior author. "Not whether majors like physics have an unequal gender distribution, but whether disciplines perceived to be high in math or science requirements have unequal gender distributions."

After collecting loads of data through surveys and mapping the trajectory of 4,850 U.S. students dating back to 2002, Cimpian and his colleagues discovered that gender discrimination was the most telling factor in order to find out whether the major had more males than females enrolled.

"Some people may find it unsurprising that perceived discrimination matters, but what is striking is just how much it does matter, and how little other factors matter," explained Cimpian. "The relationships we find for perceived discrimination dwarf those of other predictive factors like the money orientation of the field. Similarly, the data does not support the notion that women are math-phobic or science-phobic, as some believe. Rather – and quite reasonably – women don't like to be discriminated against."

The study also showed most women are more interested in majors that are more oriented toward shigher earnings than creative fields like the arts. This proves that women would love to be included, but just don't want to be harassed by male students or professors.

So what can administrators do in order to help women feel more included in these math and science-centric majors? According to Cimpian, it's as simple as extending an olive branch in order to break any of these ridiculous existing stereotypes.

"There have been messages about whether you need to be innately talented to be in these fields, in terms of brilliance," adds Cimpian. "The disciplines that value brilliance more tend to have a lot fewer women, and also a lot fewer African-Americans in them. Society tends to stereotype. And an academic or an administrator might think 'well, you need to be brilliant or talented to be in this field.' But the message that they're sending is 'maybe because of who you are you're not likely going to be an individual who's going to succeed in this field.'"

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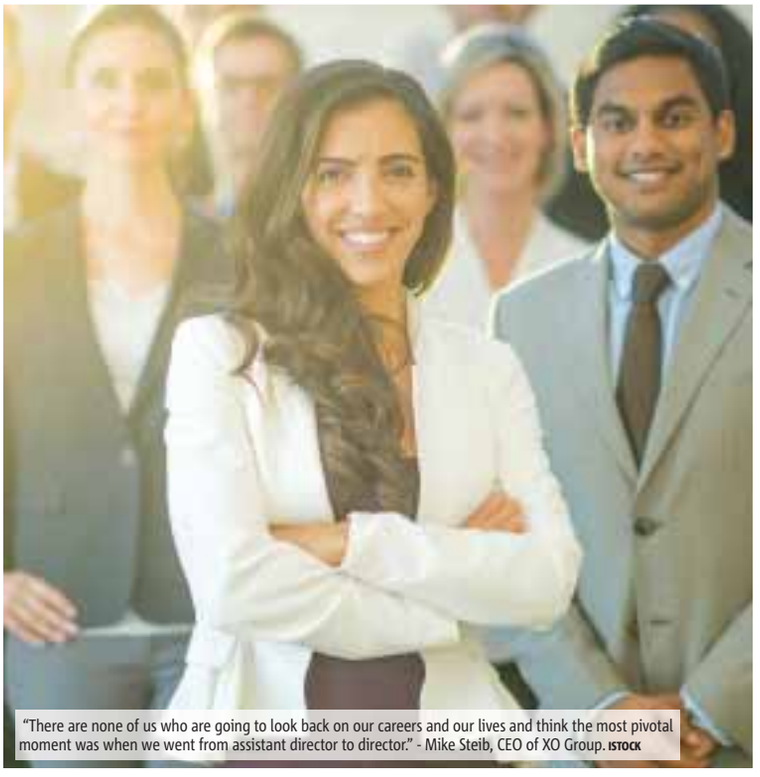

"There are none of us who are going to look back on our careers and our lives and think the most pivotal moment was when we went from assistant director to director." - Mike Steib, CEO of XO Group. ISTOCK

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In some cases, all that keeps you working at your job is the promise of a promotion. But is your aspiration to climb the corporate ladder distracting you from achieving everything you can?

Many people today equate titles with success rather than professional fulfillment. Mike Steib, the CEO of XO Group and the author of the new book "The Career Manifesto" (out January 30), believes that promotions are nothing more than Ponzi schemes that keep you from stretching the boundaries of your existing job title.

"Every system is designed in some way to keep you *in* the system," explains Steib. "Promotions in any organization are a part of that. As you work your way through they continue to move you up and keep you a certain distance away from the next promotion so that you feel motivated for that next rung of the ladder."

In actuality, if you're only setting your sights on the corner office rather than what you could do from your present-day cubicle, you won't benefit yourself or the company. You should work as hard as possible to accomplish everything you can, and by doing that, all of the titles and compensation you desire will follow.

"A promotion is always a nice thing," says Steib. "It's a reflection of good, hard work by the individual, and it's a compliment when you get one — so you should take the compliment. At the same time, the purpose of any one of our careers is not to be promoted. There are none of us who are going to look back on our careers and our lives and think the most pivotal moment was when we went from assistant director to director. Instead, it's going to be about the impact we had in our careers, the people that we helped, the challenges that we took on, and when we really pushed it and stretched ourselves to do hard things."

In summation, having a successful career comes from hard work and dedication. You have to be extremely passionate and invested in the work you're doing in order to accomplish your goals.

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New Giants head coach Pat Shurmur is looking to bolster New York's offensive line this offseason. GETTY IMAGES

Shurmur to focus on Giants' O-Line

Big Blue's new head coach is already making his vision known.

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The weakest unit on the New York Giants the past three seasons is set for a much-needed overhaul, so says newly introduced head coach Pat Shurmur.

The offensive line, the worst in the league over the past several seasons, is going to be a focus of the rebuild under Shurmur, who was announced as the Giants head coach this week and officially presented to the media on Friday. The Giants have struggled to protect quarterback Eli Manning the past three seasons, with Manning having one of the fastest release times in the pocket this year, due solely to the fact that he was trying to not get buried under a pile of pass rushers.

Addressing and bolstering the line, Shurmur said, is a priority. He cited his experience with the Minnesota Vikings this past year and previously with the Philadelphia Eagles — he had been the offensive coordinator the past few seasons with both teams — as a recipe for success. Both teams have built impressive offensive lines over the past two years.

Shurmur revealed that during the interview process, general manager Dave Gettleman emphasized the offensive line play as his focus on building a team. It struck a chord with the Giants head coach.

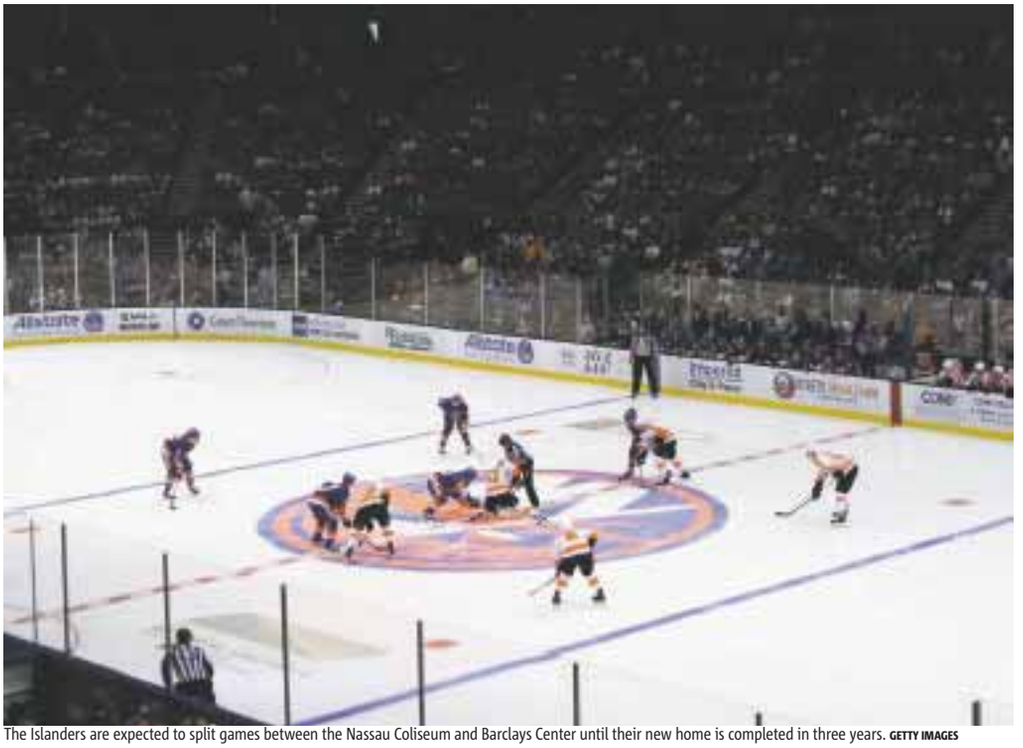
"As soon as he said, 'Everything starts with the offensive line.' And I think there's a great example of that, what we went through in Minnesota. We didn't change the oil up there, we changed the transmission. We went and got two free agent offensive linemen, we drafted a center that played like a veteran, and we transformed the offensive line that helped us do the things that helped us win 14 games," Shurmur said. "And so I think it's very important, no matter how good your offensive line is and your defensive line, you have to address those issues constantly because if you can't block them and you can't pressure the quarterback, this game gets really, really, really hard. I know that about Dave. I know we have a serious mindset when it comes to doing what we can to upgrade in those areas. And some of it may be just inspiring a player on the roster to play better than he's played, you know, and that comes back to coaching. And then we all know that every once in a while, you need to get some new players."

As for what the offense will look like, Shurmur sounded noncommittal.

With the Vikings, he dealt with a third-string quarterback after Sam Bradford and Teddy Bridgewater went down with season-ending injuries. He was able to manage that offense into a second seed in the NFC playoff bracket and a trip to the NFC Championship Game.

But running the ball and protecting the quarterback will be key.

"I think we have an offense that we're going to constantly try to do the things that our players can do well. So once we quickly learn what our players are good at, then we'll — but I do have a West Coast background. My last three years in Philadelphia, I was with Chip Kelly, and so the tempo and being able to play fast, there are advantages to using that strategically," Shurmur said. "When you can run the ball like we did this year, and we developed a core set of runs, then the play actions are meaningful and that's how you can drive the ball down the field. So try to use all those things. And then when they're trying to destroy our quarterback, certainly the screen game is something that's very important. So I don't know. I don't know if there's a label for it. We want to play good offense. We want to play New York Giants offense."



The Islanders are expected to split games between the Nassau Coliseum and Barclays Center until their new home is completed in three years. GETTY IMAGES

Isles to announce Nassau Coliseum stay today

While their new arena is developed and built, the Islanders will temporarily return to their first home.

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The New York Islanders and New York State Gov. Andrew Cuomo are expected to announce on Monday that the NHL franchise will split their regular-season home games between their current residence, the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, and their first home, the Nassau Coliseum until the new arena near Belmont Park is completed, as first reported by Jim Baumbach of Newsday.

The Belmont arena is not expected to be completed until the start of the 2021-22 season, which means that the Islanders will have two different home venues for the next three seasons.

In terms of the distribution of games, the Coliseum is expected to host 12 regular-season games next year while the other 29 are played at the Barclays Center. Depending on the success of the Coliseum experiment, that number could be increased to 20 or 21 games the following two seasons.

The Islanders moved to Brooklyn after a 43-year stay at the Coliseum, their only home, after former majority owner Charles Wang was unsuccessful in an almost decade-long crusade to renovate the arena and the surrounding area. It has been a tumultuous stay in Brooklyn as the team's home attendance ranks last in the NHL as the fanbase has been unwilling to make the trip to Flatbush Ave.

While the Islanders left Nassau County in 2015, the Coliseum underwent an 18-month, $165 million renovation that updated the arena. However, capacity was decreased to just 13,000, too small for a professional hockey franchise as its main purpose is that of a concern and NBA G League venue. Meanwhile, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman continued to make it known that the Coliseum is not a viable NHL arena.

He did take a tour with Islanders co-owner Jon Ledecky and Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment (which owns both the Barclays Center and Coliseum) CEO Brett Yormark on Jan. 9 to observe the state of the Uniondale venue.

"The locker rooms, the training facilities and the like, that's something we're in touch with the Islanders on," Bettman said (h/t Baumbach). "The Nassau Coliseum has been given a nice refresh in terms of the way it looks, but it's still the Nassau Coliseum. So, anything that may or may not take place there certainly would have to be on a temporary basis."

There will likely have to be some upgrades made to the Coliseum before housing the Islanders on a semi-regular basis and it might be difficult to sell some prospective free agents on splitting time between two home arenas, but it's safe to say that they will have no problems drawing in their "Old Barn."

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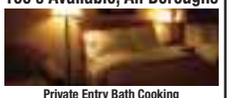

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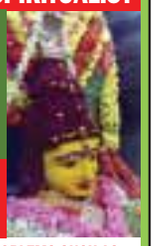

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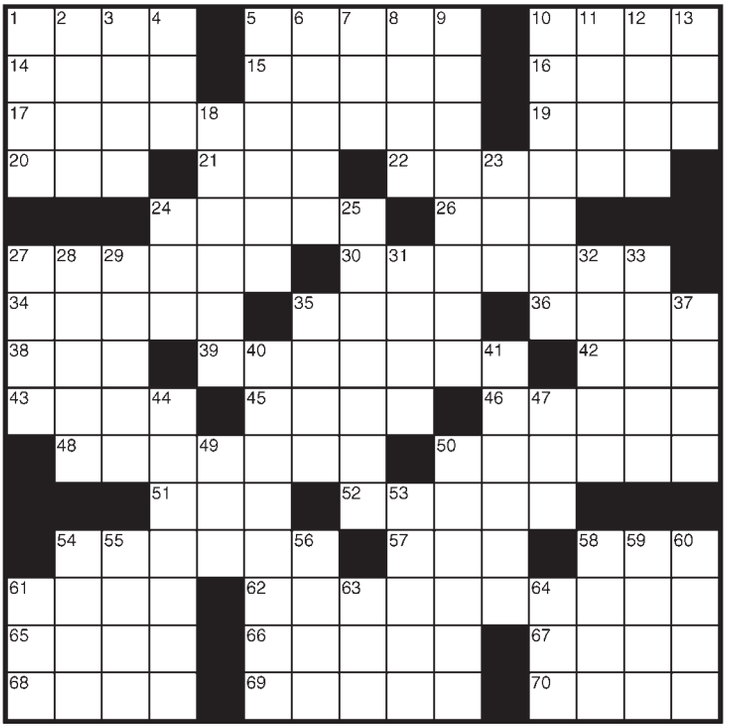

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Aries Take some time to do something that makes you happy. Relaxing with a good book will give you a different perspective on situations that have been bothering you.

Taurus Share your knowledge and experience with people you are close to, but don't divulge secret information to outsiders trying to take advantage of you.

Gemini Put in the time and take control of your current situation to come out a winner. Personal improvements will be praised by others and will boost your morale.

Cancer A boost of energy will help you get started on something you've wanted to do for some time. Let your creative imagination flow and see what happens.

Leo Investing in property, fixing up your surroundings and making a promise to a loved one are all favored, as long as you are realistic and financially savvy moving forward.

Virgo A vivid imagination and a precise mindset will lead to all sorts of interesting ideas. If you collaborate with people you find interesting, a window of opportunity will open up.

Libra Protect your home, family and reputation. Emotional mistakes will be made if you act in haste. Concentrate on growing personally and implementing a healthy lifestyle.

Scorpio Look for opportunities and make a point to take advantage of what's going on around you. Short trips, business meetings and information-sharing are all favored.

Sagittarius Limit your spending and avoid being caught short. A joint venture will tempt you, but the results will not live up to your expectations.

Capricorn Weigh the pros and cons and make smart choices based on what works best for you. Take care of your responsibilities early on and encourage others to do the same.

Aquarius Personal changes will boost your morale but also create stress if you don't stick to a set budget. Attention to detail and structure will help you stay out of trouble.

Pisces Express your feelings with compassion and thoughtfulness. Sharing your views with younger and older people in your life will be informative. EUGENIA LAST

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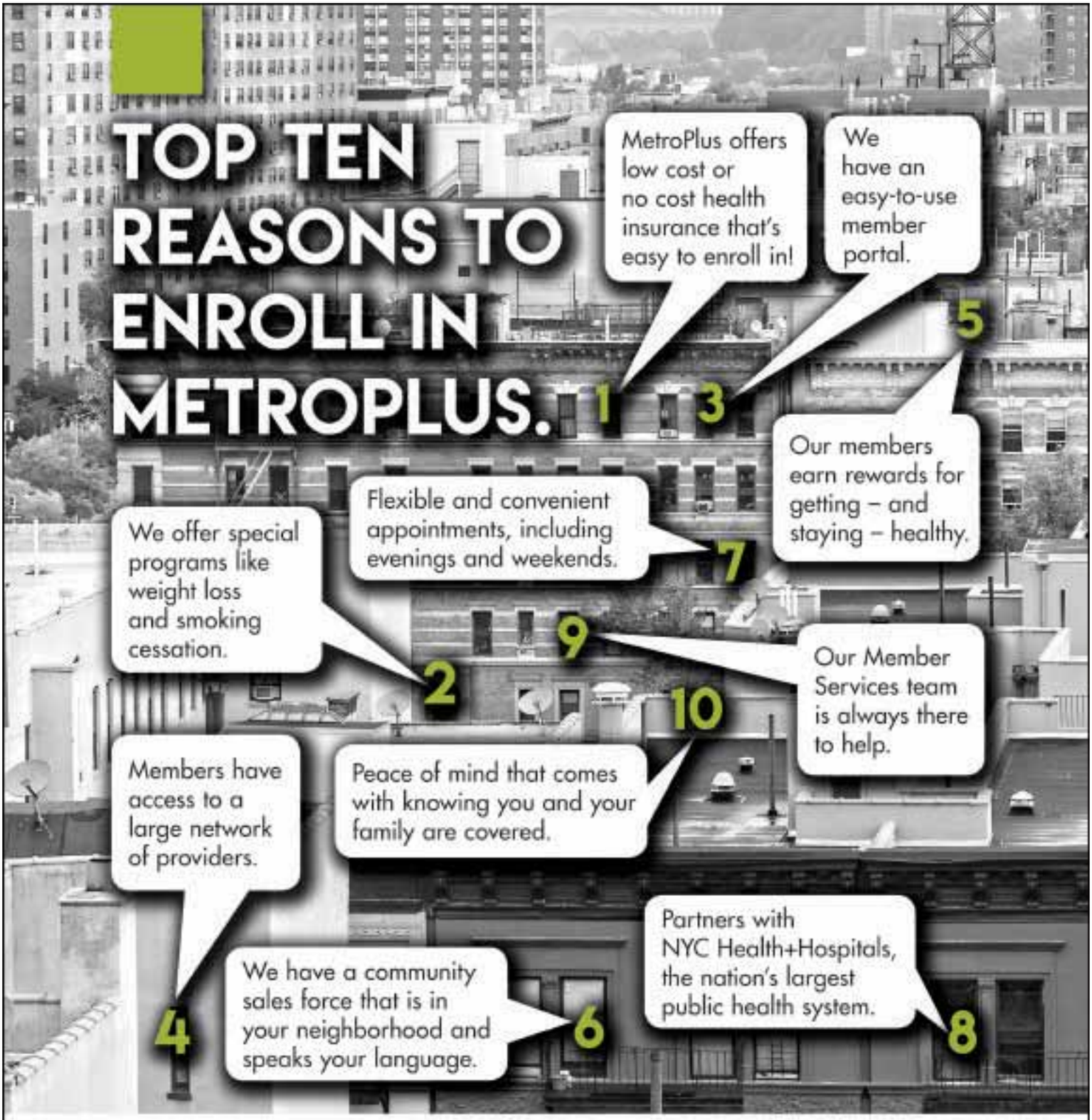
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